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House of Representatives

Pursuant to section 2 of Senate Concurrent Resolution 22, 113th Congress, the House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DENHAM).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 6, 2013.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JEFF DENHAM to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

NOTICE OF REASSEMBLY

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the text of the formal notification sent to Members on Thursday, September 6, 2013, of the reassembly of the House.

U.S. SENATE,
Washington, DC, September 5, 2013.

DEAR COLLEAGUE: Pursuant to section 2 of Senate Concurrent Resolution 22 of the 113th Congress, after consultation with the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, we hereby notify the Members of the Senate to reassemble at 12:00 noon on Friday, September 6, 2013, and the Members of the House of Representatives to reassemble at 12:00 noon on Friday, September 6, 2013.

Sincerely,

HARRY REID,
Majority Leader of the Senate.
JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:
Almighty God of the universe, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

As the tensions of violence continue to mount, we turn to You, Lord God, as our hope and salvation.

The darkness of military action seems to be descending upon us once again. We ask that You might bless all efforts at diplomatic resolution concerning violations of human decency recognized by all nations.

Renew America in confident faith, and deepen our commitment to seek peace as soon as possible. Keep our focus on a full recovery of healthy relationships and leadership in the Middle East, so that further bloody hemorrhaging might be forestalled.

Help us to realize it is never too late nor too early to engage in a dialogue with opponents and that all our efforts should be in search of the way to a stable peace.

Bless and guide our Nation's leaders, for we are a people of faith across this country, who claim You as sovereign Lord over this Nation and all the nations of the world.

May all that we do this day be for Your greater honor and glory.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 322, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BONNER), the whole number of the House is 433.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, August 2, 2013.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on August 2, 2013 at 3:18 p.m.:

Appointments: Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
August 8, 2013.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
Washington, DC.

SPEAKER BOEHNER: I cannot express what a tremendous honor it has been to serve the people of Louisiana's Fifth Congressional District, and from the bottom of my heart, I am eternally grateful and I thank them for the trust they have placed in me.

I write to you today to officially let you know that, effective September 27, 2013, I will be resigning as a Member of the United States Congress.

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I am honored that Governor Jindal has given me the opportunity to serve as a member of his cabinet as his Secretary of Veterans Affairs. I am eager to get started and begin reaching out to our state's veterans in order to make sure they know that our state and nation are grateful for their service.

I look forward to continue serving the great state that I love and the men and women who have given us so much.

Sincerely,

RODNEY ALEXANDER.

COMMUNICATION FROM CON-
STITUENT SERVICES LIAISON,
THE HONORABLE BRAD
WENSTRUP, MEMBER OF CON-
GRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Teresa Lewis, Constituent Services Liaison, the Honorable BRAD WENSTRUP, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
August 20, 2012.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives that I have been served with a third-party subpoena, issued by the Hamilton County Municipal Court, Hamilton County, Ohio for documents and testimony in a criminal case.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

TERESA LEWIS,
Constituent Services Liaison.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE
PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on August 1, 2013, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 1092. To designate the air route traffic control center located in Nashua, New

Hampshire, as the "Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center".

H.R. 1911. To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish interest rates for new loans made on or after July 1, 2013, to direct the Secretary of Education to convene the Advisory Committee on Improving Postsecondary Education Data to conduct a study on improvements to postsecondary education transparency at the Federal level, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2167. To authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish additional requirements to improve the fiscal safety and soundness of the home equity conversion mortgage insurance program.

H.R. 2611. To designate the headquarters building of the Coast Guard on the campus located at 2701 Martin Luther King, Jr., Avenue Southeast in the District of Columbia as the "Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building", and for other purposes.

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on August 6, 2013, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 1344. To amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to provide expedited air passenger screening to severely injured or disabled members of the Armed Forces and severely injured or disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 678. To authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes.

H.R. 267. To improve hydropower, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1171. To amend title 40, United States Code, to improve veterans service organizations access to Federal surplus personal property.

H.R. 2576. To amend title 49, United States Code, to modify requirements relating to the availability of pipeline safety regulatory documents, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 322, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2013.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, September 9, 2013, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2736. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule—Federal Pell Grant Program [Docket ID: ED-2012-OPE-0006] (RIN: 1840-AD11) received August 29, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2737. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's "Major" final rule—Revision of Fee Schedules; Fee Recovery for Fiscal Year 2013 [NRC-2012-0211] (RIN: 3150-AJ19) received August 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 915: Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

H.R. 1020: Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. BISHOP of New York, and Mr. NEAL.

H.R. 1094: Mr. CAPUANO and Mr. GOWDY.

H.R. 1148: Ms. ESHOO.

H.R. 1201: Ms. DEGETTE.

H.R. 1386: Mr. MARINO.

H.R. 1732: Mr. CONYERS.

H.R. 1814: Mr. PASTOR of Arizona, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, and Mr. CRAWFORD.

H.R. 2053: Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS.

H.R. 2073: Mr. VALADAO.

H.R. 2305: Ms. SHEA-PORTER.

H.R. 2870: Mr. GARRETT and Mr. WELCH.

H.R. 2939: Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. TITUS, and Ms. MENG.

H.R. 3045: Mr. JONES, Mr. WENSTRUP, and Mr. THOMPSON of California.

H. Res. 131: Ms. LOFGREN.



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Senate

The Senate met at 12 noon, and was called to order by the Honorable AL FRANKEN, a Senator from the State of Minnesota.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to the authority granted by section 2 of S. Con. Res. 22 of the 113th Congress, the majority leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, acting jointly in consultation with the minority leaders of the Senate and House respectively have determined that the public interest warrants the convening of the Senate at this time, notwithstanding the previous orders.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray. Immortal, invisible God only wise, we look to You today for wisdom as our lawmakers seek to do what is best for our Nation and world. Lord, we admit that our human intellects have limits, for we know not what tomorrow holds, but You do. So guide us, sovereign king. We are pilgrims on planet Earth. We are weak but You are mighty; lead us with Your powerful hand. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 6, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable AL FRANKEN, a Senator from the State of Minnesota, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. FRANKEN thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S.J. Res. 21. An original joint resolution to authorize the limited and specified use of the United States Armed Forces against Syria; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; placed on the calendar.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S.J. Res. 21. An original joint resolution to authorize the limited and specified use of the United States Armed Forces against Syria; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; placed on the calendar.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the joint resolution be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the joint resolution was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S.J. RES. 21

Whereas Syria is in material breach of the laws of war by having employed chemical weapons against its civilian population;

Whereas the abuses of the regime of Bashar al-Assad have included the brutal repression and war upon its own civilian population, resulting in more than 100,000 people killed in the past two years, 2,000,000 Syrian refugees

in neighboring countries, and 4,500,000 internally displaced persons in Syria, creating an unprecedented regional crisis and instability;

Whereas the Assad regime has the largest chemical weapons programs in the region and has demonstrated its capability and willingness to repeatedly use weapons of mass destruction against its own people, including the August 21, 2013, attack in the suburbs of Damascus in which the Assad regime murdered over 1,000 innocent people, including hundreds of children;

Whereas there is clear and compelling evidence of the direct involvement of Assad regime forces and senior officials in the planning, execution, and after-action attempts to cover-up, the August 21, 2013, attack, and hide or destroy evidence of such attack;

Whereas the Arab League has declared with regards to the August 21, 2013, incident to hold the "Syrian regime responsible for this heinous crime";

Whereas the United Nations Security Council, in Resolution 1540 (2004), affirmed that the proliferation of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons constitutes a threat to international peace and security;

Whereas in the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-175), Congress found that Syria's acquisition of weapons of mass destruction threatens the security of the Middle East and the national security interests of the United States;

Whereas the actions and conduct of the Assad regime are in direct contravention of Syria's legal obligations under the United Nations Charter, the Geneva Conventions, and the Protocol to the Hague Convention on the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare, done at Geneva June 17, 1925, and also violate the standards set forth in the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, done at Paris January 13, 1993;

Whereas Syria's use of weapons of mass destruction and its conduct and actions constitute a grave threat to regional stability, world peace, and the national security interests of the United States and its allies and partners;

Whereas the objectives of the United States use of military force in connection with this authorization are to respond to the

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use, and deter and degrade the potential future use, of weapons of mass destruction by the Government of Syria;

Whereas, on May 21, 2013, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate passed by a 15-3 vote the Syria Transition Support Act (S. 960), which found that the President's goals of Assad leaving power, an end to the violence, and a negotiated political settlement in Syria are prerequisites for a stable, democratic future for Syria and regional peace and security, but absent decisive changes to the present military balance of power on the ground in Syria, sufficient incentives do not yet exist for the achievement of such goals; and

Whereas the President has authority under the Constitution to use force in order to defend the national security interests of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This joint resolution may be cited as the "Authorization for the Use of Military Force Against the Government of Syria to Respond to Use of Chemical Weapons".

SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The President is authorized, subject to subsection (b), to use the Armed Forces of the United States as the President determines to be necessary and appropriate in a limited and specified manner against legitimate military targets in Syria, only to—

(1) respond to the use of weapons of mass destruction by the Government of Syria in the conflict in Syria;

(2) deter Syria's use of such weapons in order to protect the national security interests of the United States and to protect United States allies and partners against the use of such weapons;

(3) degrade Syria's capacity to use such weapons in the future; and

(4) prevent the transfer to terrorist groups or other state or non-state actors within Syria of any weapons of mass destruction.

(b) REQUIREMENT FOR DETERMINATION THAT USE OF MILITARY FORCE IS NECESSARY.—Before exercising the authority granted in subsection (a), the President shall make available to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate the President's determination that—

(1) the United States has used all appropriate diplomatic and other peaceful means to prevent the deployment and use of weapons of mass destruction by Syria;

(2) the Government of Syria has conducted one or more significant chemical weapons attacks;

(3) the use of military force is necessary to respond to the use of chemical weapons by the Government of Syria;

(4) it is in the core national security interest of the United States to use such military force;

(5) the United States has a military plan to achieve the specific goals of—

(A) responding to the use of weapons of mass destruction by the Government of Syria in the conflict in Syria;

(B) deterring Syria's use of such weapons in order to protect the national security interests of the United States and to protect United States allies and partners against the use of such weapons;

(C) degrading Syria's capacity to use such weapons in the future; and

(D) preventing the transfer to terrorist groups or other state or non-state actors within Syria of any weapons of mass destruction; and

(6) the use of military force is consistent with and furthers the goals of the United States strategy toward Syria, including achieving a negotiated political settlement to the conflict.

(c) WAR POWERS RESOLUTION REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION.—Consistent with section 8(a)(1) of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1547(a)(1)), Congress declares that this section is intended to constitute specific statutory authorization within the meaning of section 5(b) of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1544(b)), within the limits of the authorization established under this section.

(2) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—Nothing in this resolution supersedes any requirement of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.).

SEC. 3. LIMITATION.

The authority granted in section 2(a) does not authorize the use of the United States Armed Forces on the ground in Syria for the purpose of combat operations.

SEC. 4. TERMINATION OF THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE USE OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.

The authorization in section 2(a) shall terminate 60 days after the date of the enactment of this joint resolution, except that the President may extend, for a single period of 30 days, such authorization if—

(1) the President determines and certifies to Congress, not later than 5 days before the date of termination of the initial authorization, that the extension is necessary to fulfill the purposes of this resolution as defined by section 2(a) due to extraordinary circumstances and for ongoing and impending military operations against Syria under section 2(a); and

(2) Congress does not enact into law, before the extension of authorization, a joint resolution disapproving the extension of the authorization for the additional 30-day period; provided that any such joint resolution shall be considered under the expedited procedures otherwise provided for concurrent resolutions of disapproval contained in section 7 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546).

SEC. 5. STATEMENT OF POLICY.

(a) CHANGING OF MOMENTUM ON BATTLEFIELD.—It is the policy of the United States to change the momentum on the battlefield in Syria so as to create favorable conditions for a negotiated settlement that ends the conflict and leads to a democratic government in Syria.

(b) DEGRADATION OF ABILITY OF REGIME TO USE WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION.—A comprehensive United States strategy in Syria should aim, as part of a coordinated international effort, to degrade the capabilities of the Assad regime to use weapons of mass destruction while upgrading the lethal and non-lethal military capabilities of vetted elements of Syrian opposition forces, including the Free Syrian Army.

SEC. 6. SYRIA STRATEGY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this resolution, the President shall consult with Congress and submit to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives an integrated United States Government strategy for achieving a negotiated political settlement to the conflict in Syria, including a comprehensive review of current and planned United States diplomatic, political, economic, and military policy towards Syria.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) the provision of all forms of assistance to the Syrian Supreme Military Council and

other Syrian entities opposed to the government of Bashar Al-Assad that have been properly and fully vetted and share common values and interests with the United States;

(2) the provision of all forms of assistance to the Syrian political opposition, including the Syrian Opposition Coalition;

(3) efforts to isolate extremist and terrorist groups in Syria to prevent their influence on the future transitional and permanent Syrian governments;

(4) security coordination with allies and regional partners including Israel, Jordan and Turkey;

(5) efforts to limit support from the Government of Iran and others for the Syrian regime;

(6) planning for securing existing chemical, biological, and other weapons supplies; and

(7) efforts to address the ongoing humanitarian challenges presented by 2,000,000 Syrian refugees in neighboring countries, and 4,500,000 internally displaced persons in Syria, and related humanitarian needs.

SEC. 7. CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION AND REPORTING.

(a) NOTIFICATION AND PROVISION OF INFORMATION.—Upon the President's determination to use the authority set forth in section 2, the President shall notify Congress, including the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, of the use of such authority and shall keep Congress fully and currently informed of the use of such authority.

(b) REPORTS.—Not later than 10 days after the initiation of military operations under the authority provided by section 2, and every 20 days thereafter until the completion of military operations, the President shall submit to Congress, including the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, a report on the status of such operations, including progress achieved toward the objectives specified in section 2(a), the financial costs of operations to date, and an assessment of the impact of the operations on the Syrian regime's chemical weapons capabilities and intentions.

SEC. 8. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

The authority set forth in section 2 shall not constitute an authorization for the use of force or a declaration of war except to the extent that it authorizes military action under the conditions, for the specific purposes, and for the limited period of time set forth in this resolution.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 21. An original joint resolution to authorize the limited and specified use of the United States Armed Forces against Syria.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, first of all, I appreciate very much the presiding officer's willingness to come in today. I was all prepared this coming Monday to tell everybody "welcome back". But I do that a few days early. So welcome back everyone. I hope you had a good break. I hope it was as productive as

mine. I am grateful for everyone's cooperation in getting us to this point.

I ask unanimous consent that a letter of notification relating to section 2 of S. Con. Res. 22 be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

U.S. SENATE,
Washington, DC, September 5, 2013.

DEAR COLLEAGUE: Pursuant to section 2 of Senate Concurrent Resolution 22 of the 113th Congress, after consultation with the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, we hereby notify the Members of the Senate to reassemble at 12:00 noon on Friday, September 6, 2013, and the Members of the House

of Representatives to reassemble at 12:00 noon on Friday, September 6, 2013.

Sincerely,

HARRY REID,
Majority Leader of the Senate.
JOHN A. BOEHNER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we convened the Senate today in order to enable the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to put a joint resolution in the RECORD which authorizes the use of military force, limited in nature against Syria, in response to the Syrian regimes and their use of chemical weapons.

As we know, many, many people have been killed, including almost 500 children. The reported resolution was signed by committee leaders Senators

MENENDEZ and CORKER. They have set a tremendous model of bipartisanship and cooperation for the Senate. I admire both of these good men for the work that they have done, the leadership that they have showed in allowing us to be at the point where we are now in this difficult situation.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013, AT 2 P.M.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate adjourn until 2 p.m. Monday, September 9, 2013.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 12:04 p.m., adjourned until Monday, September 9, 2013, at 2 p.m.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE VAN DUZER
FOUNDATION AND SCOTT VAN
DUZER

HON. PATRICK MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2013

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of the Van Duzer Foundation and its founder, Mr. Scott Van Duzer of Port Saint Lucie, Florida, in honor of his philanthropic efforts, which have touched many lives across the Treasure Coast.

Scott started the Van Duzer Foundation in 2008 to help families and individuals impacted by tragic and often unforeseen circumstances. Since its inception, the foundation has organized blood drives garnering more than 7,000 pints of blood and raising over \$800,000 for families and individuals in need. The Foundation's family-friendly fundraising events are well attended by many in the community and positively serve as a model of civic engagement.

A few years ago, Scott learned about two boys who were in desperate need of a blood transfusion. Because of a shortage, one of the boys waited nine hours for life-saving blood to arrive. Rising to the call of activism, Scott collaborated with his board of directors to partner with Florida's Blood Centers to host a blood drive where initially over 300 pints of blood were collected. The Foundation later hosted their inaugural Be a Hero Day where 1,000 pints of blood were donated. Having hosted several blood drives since, the 7,000 pints of blood collected by the Van Duzer Foundation have impacted over 21,000 lives, a figure of three lives per donation of blood. In recognition of the work of the Van Duzer Foundation, last year Scott was honored by a visit from President Obama at his local pizza shop where he gave the President a much-publicized bear hug. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the great work of the Van Duzer Foundation and to call Scott not only a constituent, but a friend. In today's busy, complex world we must recognize the depth of philanthropy and its impact. We better ourselves by improving our communities and being our neighbor's keeper. As evidenced through Scott Van Duzer and the Van Duzer Foundation, it is through these means in which all Americans can participate in perpetuating a prosperous pathway for our Nation.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND
LEGACY OF RUTH ASAWA

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2013

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, on August 6th San Francisco lost a visionary artist, educator, community activist, civic leader and beloved

friend. Ruth Asawa was an internationally recognized sculptor who will be long remembered for her public works of art, her extraordinary wire sculptures, and her commitment to the people of San Francisco, especially our children. Her memory will embolden future generations to devote their passions to the freedom of self-expression and public betterment.

The story of Ruth Asawa is the story of America, of great patriotism and ethnic pride, as reflected in her life and work. She earned the recognition she deserved, conquering discrimination as a female in a male-dominated discipline, and during and after World War II when our government incarcerated Ruth, then 16 years old, her family, and about 110,000 fellow Japanese Americans in internment camps throughout the United States.

Ruth and her family were first sent to Santa Anita Race Track in Los Angeles, California, housed in horse stables for six months before being transferred to a barbed wire enclosed camp in Rohwer, Arkansas. After the war, lingering ill will against Japanese Americans prevented her from securing a teaching position and completing her degree. She decided to study art at Black Mountain College in North Carolina where she studied with painter Josef Albers, dancer Merce Cunningham and architect/inventor Buckminster Fuller and met her husband Albert Lanier. They decided to live in San Francisco because of its vibrant arts community and respect for diversity as the Laniers were an interracial couple. In Noe Valley, one of many neighborhoods in San Francisco, they raised their six children.

As a trustee of the San Francisco Fine Arts Museums, Ruth influenced the evolution of the new de Young museum and was a strong supporter of the museum's innovative architecture. More than 150 of her works are preserved at the de Young where her gorgeous hanging wire sculptures are permanently displayed.

Ruth's public works include such recognizable San Francisco landmarks as the Andrea Mermaid Fountain at Ghirardelli Square, the Hyatt on Union Square Fountain, the Buchanan Mall Fountains in Japan town, the Aurora Fountain at Bayside Plaza and the Garden of Remembrance at San Francisco State. Other great works in the San Francisco Bay Area include the Japanese American Internment Memorial in front of the Federal Building in San Jose, California.

Ruth will be forever remembered for her dedication to our children and her loving work to make our schools and City more joyful learning environments. Her legacy will live on in the young artists who attend Ruth Asawa School of the Arts which she founded. She also founded the Alvarado Arts Workshop which established the artist-in-residence model of public arts education. It is a national model. Ruth helped organize the Music, Dance, Drama and Science (MADDS) Festival, now an annual city-wide youth event sponsored by schools, civic leaders, neighborhood groups, and museums.

It was a great honor for me to be asked to say a few words at the celebration of Ruth's

life on August 27th in San Francisco's beautiful Golden Gate Park. I spoke about our City's great love for Ruth and her tremendous impact on the Bay Area, and I learned about talents beyond Ruth's art, her love of gardening and sharing her bounty, most particularly her famous ginger garlic salad dressing, with her friends and loved ones. To Ruth's children Xavier, Aiko, Hudson, Addie and Paul, her ten grandchildren, and four great grandchildren I extend my deepest sympathy. I hope it is a comfort to them that Ruth will forever be remembered, not only for her work that so lovingly adorns our City, but also for her activism and leadership that showed us how to mentor generations to come.

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF
FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN HENDER-
SONVILLE, TENNESSEE AND
TSURU, JAPAN

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2013

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, this year, Hendersonville, Tennessee celebrates thirty years of friendship with its sister city, Tsuru, Japan. At a time when news headlines each day remind us of discord among other nations, the lasting relationship between these two cities stands as a reminder that when individuals and communities reach out across cultural boundaries, they can build meaningful bonds that stand the test of time.

First established on May 18, 1983 by former Hendersonville mayor T.W. Patterson and former Tsuru mayor Michimasa Tahabe, this relationship has truly lived up to its original purpose: "To serve as a perpetual symbol for mutual hospitality for the exchange of ideas and visitors between the cities of Tsuru and Hendersonville, and as a welcoming beacon to travelers from both communities."

The Tsuru-Hendersonville relationship has yielded many years of student exchange trips and delegation visits from parents, teachers, and community leaders that have enhanced the lives of our cities' people. Host families in both countries have generously opened up their homes to visitors and learned from their unique experiences.

Later this month, city officials, civic group representatives, local students, and members of the Tsuru-Hendersonville Friendship Committee will travel to Tsuru, Japan, to commemorate this special anniversary. As they join together with the Tsuru people to celebrate three decades of honor and goodwill, I join them in wishing for a prosperous future for both communities and many years of continued friendship.

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HONORING THE ROCKWALL WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2013

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an invaluable group of selfless women, the Rockwall Women's League, for their 40 years of charitable service in the Rockwall community.

This non-profit organization was chartered in Rockwall, Texas, on November 27, 1973, with a group of 50 women volunteers. The bold vision of these women now is being cultivated with over 125 active and associate members.

The Rockwall Women's League is committed to unite and promote the Rockwall area through community service and through the initiation and support of civic, educational, and social events. Funds for these service projects are raised largely through an annual Charity Ball, which has to-date raised almost 3 million dollars and has become a gala fundraiser due to generous community support.

The League contributes greatly to educational initiatives through its monthly programs, including serving over 35 charitable organizations and awarding scholarships to graduating seniors at all three Rockwall County high schools. Bolstering civic and social life, the Rockwall Women's League has graciously supported and initiated programs such as the

Helping Hands Children's Clinic for low income children, arts in the Rockwall school system, and the annual tree lighting event, co-hosted with the city of Rockwall. These women also provide hands-on service in a myriad of ways from providing hot meals for senior citizens and volunteering in nursing homes, to selling pumpkins in the local pumpkin patch.

The work of this league has not only strengthened the community of Rockwall for the past 40 years, but has also developed enduring friendships among its members. Mr. Speaker, I commend the Rockwall Women's League for their dedicated service to their community and ask my colleagues to join me in honoring these remarkable women on the occasion of their 40th anniversary.

COMMENDING MARTIN COUNTY NORTH LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STARS 2013 FLORIDA STATE LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. PATRICK MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2013

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Martin County North Little League All-Stars and their accomplishment in winning the 2013 Florida State Little League Championship.

As a baseball player and former Little Leaguer myself, I am very proud to that my district

is home to this year's state champions. Not only did these athletes compete to make it to the Florida State Tournament; but once there, they bested seven other teams, which is no easy feat. After four rounds of competition, Martin County North made it to the title game on July 29th where they defeated Sarasota American, in a 7-1 victory.

I would like to take this moment to also reflect on the inspiring nature of the team's manager, Mark Rodgers. Coach Rodgers successfully led his team to victory through hard work and dedication as well as a love of the game. He was able to instill in these twelve year-olds that with a supportive community, the goal of winning the Florida State Little League Championship was more than possible. He taught them "pride, passion, and purpose." As the mentors of my youth also did, Coach Rodgers laid the foundation in understanding how these are essential elements of success and how to always go after your dreams.

Mr. Speaker, I am privileged today to have this opportunity to recognize Coach Tom Galinis, Blaine Kilbreth, Zach Galinis, Cam Provines, Payton McIntosh, Hunter Wentworth, Tibur Rivero, Richie Pfluger, Wyatt Menendez, Jacob Rader, Dominick Thompson, Justin Altieri, Taylor Higgins, Marcus Mastellone, Coach Andrew Rodgers, and Manager Mark Rodgers on being the Sunshine State's 2013 Little League champions. I am proud that they represent my district and wish them continued success both on and off the field.

CORRECTION

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 12:04 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2013.

Measures Introduced:

One resolution was introduced, as follows: S.J. Res. 21. **Page S6269**

Measures Reported:

S.J. Res. 21, to authorize the limited and specified use of the United States Armed Forces against Syria. **Page S6269**

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: There were no public bills, private bills, or resolutions introduced today.

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5408**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Denham to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5407**

Notification of Reassembly: Read the text of the formal notification sent to Members on Thursday, September 5, 2013 of the reassembling of the House. **Page H5407**

Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Alabama, Mr. Bonner, the whole number of the House is 433. **Page H5407**

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Rodney Alexander, wherein he resigned as Representative for the Fifth Congressional District of Louisiana, effective September 27, 2013. **Pages H5407-08**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5407.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, September 9

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, September 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Valerie E. Caproni, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Vernon S. Broderick, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, with votes on confirmation of the nominations, at approximately 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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